

## **Minutes of Levens Village Institute A.G.M.**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

### **Present**

Stephen Read Alan Miller Helen Miller Sheila Watson Hugh Connor Kathleen Dawson Wendy Mobbs Naomi Capstick and(Frank Routledge later ) plus 20 members of the public(Approx)

### **Apologies**

Susie Bagot Sara Dickinson and Chris Riley.

### **Minutes of the last A.G.M. on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

A precis report was given **Approved by all**

### **Chairpersons report**

Stephen gave a full report(see separate sheet )explain that we may still have to use the Institute for some time due to temporary hiatus with the sale of Sizergh Fell Quarry. Once the P.C. land has sold, in order to formally agree the gift to ourselves of the new village hall when built, and our gift to Levens charity of this building. This necessarily will involve solicitor's and The Charity Commission. Alongside that we need to modernise our constitution so that we have all the necessary powers and safeguards to manage a new million- pound project. It therefore remains our duty to maintain the building for the benefit of the village, but at a minimal a cost as possible.

Stephen took this opportunity to thanked Hugh Connor (Lighting) Peter Wood (garden maintenance) Peter Smith (Village lottery Draw)

He reminded those present that the Institute functions because of the many hours of voluntary work done behind the scenes. He thanked those people who had contributes and thanked Sheila Watson plus Alan and Helen who take the booking. Helen looking after the finances.

### **Secretaries Report.**

Alan had nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Helen submitted her report and handed out the accounts. These showed a surplus over income of £2891.15.

Helen wish to point out that it appeared from the figures that LAFS had made a loss. This was not the case she had incorrectly put some of the LAFS income into room hire. In fact, LAFS had made a profit of £            She apologised for this oversight.

Several items were raised from the floor: -The electric cost had risen by £364 Helen explained that electricity had risen and we were on a fixed tariff.

The interest from COIF was mentioned Stephen explained that few financial banks/ societies were paying higher rates and those that were may not accept charitable organisations such as the institute.

The committee had discussed these matters on a regular basis and would keep them under review

Stephen asked those present to accept the treasurers report with the proviso that Helen would amend the figures regarding LAFS and issue an amended and audited account to the committee

This was accepted.

#### **A.O.B.**

A general question was asked about the New Village Hall. Stephen explained that matters were on hold as he had said in his report the next PC meeting was on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March which may include new information about the project.

**Stephen thanked all for their attention and closed the A.G.M meeting at 8 p.m.**

He then welcomed Desmomd Holmes to give his talk on "The Lyth Valley Damson Industry